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Prior Application:

A. SATOYAMA et al

Serial No. 09/506,271

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For:

METHOD FOR BACKING UP DATA SPANNING

DATA PROCESSING DEVICES

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Commissioner of Patents

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/506,271, filed on February 17, 2000, entitled METHOD FOR BACKING UP DATA SPANNING DATA PROCESSING DEVICES, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

- 1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.
  - 2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

## CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee									\$ 750.00
Total Claims	12		20	=	0	x	18	=	0.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	0	x	84	=	0.00
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- 3. A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.
- 4. Cancel claims 1-8 before calculating the Filing Fee.

  A Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith.
- 5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.
- 6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:
- --This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/506,271, filed February 17, 2000. This application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/912,872 filed August 19, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,115,797.--.
- 7. New drawings are enclosed, nine (9) sheets, Figs. 1-10.
- 8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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- 9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.
- 10. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 11-041048, filed February 19, 1999.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/506,271, as originally filed on February 17, 2000.

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